

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ATHENS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
“One Town - One Team - One Dream”
September 21, 2020

President Tim Krueger called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm in the High School commons with the Pledge of Allegiance recited. Roll call was taken, Kenny Ellenbecker and Steve Janke were excused and all other Board members were present, establishing a quorum. Also present were Superintendent Jeff Mastin, HS/MS Principal Juli Gauerke-Peter, Elementary Principal Joy Redmann, Reporter, Casey Krautkramer and several community and staff members were also in attendance.

Shannon Peel made a motion, second by Tom Ellenbecker to approve the minutes of August 17, 2020 regular board meeting as presented. Voice vote. Motion carried.

No comments from visitors.

Mrs. Gauerke-Peter and Mrs. Redmann thanked Jenny Lipinski for the landscaping/flowers placed outside of both the elementary and middle/high school.

The Board received a copy of the August 18, 2020 Marathon County Children with Disabilities Education Board to review.

Shanon Peel reported on the monthly CESA 9 meeting.

Mrs. Redman reviewed activities at the elementary school, including grandparents day parade, testing, blended learning option and professional development. She also acknowledged Athens Area Credit Union for their donation for funding headphone purchases.

Mrs. Gauerke-Peter reported on activities at the middle/high school level including schedules, testing and professional development. Athletic Director, Mr. Diedrich updated the board on the gym floor fundraiser, and the fall sports expectations.

Mr. Mastin informed the Board of the USDA waiver allowing all students to receive free meals through December 31, 2020 and media coverage from channel 9 and 7 on returning to school. He updated the Board on the progress of Neola on our policies and the district committees.

The Board was reminded of the 2020 WASB Fall Regional online meeting to be held on October 7, 2020.

The Board reviewed the procedures for filling the Board vacancy. It was decided that the position will be posted within a week, with letters of interest turned into the district office by October 15, 2020 and a Special Board meeting will be held after that date, to be determined later.

The Strategic Plan goals for 2020-2021 were reviewed from last year. No changes are made at this time.

The Board received Policy 153 on Board Evaluation for them to complete and return to Mrs. Braun on or before October 15, 2020. Results will be on the next agenda.

It was the consensus to table any decisions on the Agreement between the School District and the Village until the Building & Grounds committee can meet with the Village street committee.

The Board reviewed the one-year contract with Fischer Bus and Mr. Mastin recommended that the Board approve as is.

Mr. Mastin reviewed the Seclusion & Restraint report for the 2019-2020 school year for approval.

Mrs. Redmann presented the Achievement, Gap, Reduction (AGR) report for 2019-20 for the Board to approve.

Shanon Pell made a motion, second by Tom Ellenbecker to approve the financial statement as presented by Bev Braun. Roll call vote, motion carried 4-0.

Shanon Peel made a motion, second by Jessica Frahm, to approve bills for payment from check number 64289 to 64441 as presented. Roll call vote, motion carried 4-0.

Tom Ellenbecker made a motion, second by Shanon Peel to approve the strategic plan goals as presented with modifying them through the school year as needed. Voice vote, motion carried.

Tom Ellenbecker made a motion, second by Shanon Peel to table any action on the Agreement with the Village until the Building and Grounds committee meets with the Village Street committee. Voice vote, motion carried.

Jessica Frahm made a motion, second by Tom Ellenbecker, to approve the one-year transportation contract with Fischer Bus for the 2020-2021 school year as presented. Roll call vote, motion carried 4-0.

Shanon Peel made a motion, second by Jessica Frahm to approve the 2019-2020 Seclusion & Restraint report as presented. Voice vote, motion carried.

Tom Ellenbecker made a motion, second by Shanon Peel to approve the 2019-2020 AGR report as presented. Voice vote, motion carried.

Shanon Peel made a motion, second by Tom Ellenbecker to adjourn to Closed Session Under Wisconsin Statutes 19.85 (1)(c) (f) for the purpose of considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employees and personal information of specific people over which the board has jurisdiction and exercising responsibility over issues, including contracts and personnel matters for the purpose of considering the personal history of specific persons, specifically to discuss resignations and new hires. Roll call vote, motion carried 4-0.

Tom Ellenbecker made a motion, second by Shanon Peel, to reconvene to open session to take action as to those matters addressed in closed session. No action was taken. Voice vote, motion carried.

Shanon Peel made a motion, second by Jessica Frahm, to accept the resignation of Kris Peterson as presented. Voice vote, motion carried.

Tom Ellenbecker made a motion, second by Shanon Peel to approve a contract for Roger Bloomer for the 2020-2021 school year. Roll call vote, motion carried 4-0.

Jessica Frahm made a motion, second by Tom Ellenbecker to approve that the Social Media position be given to Beth Steinke and Danielle Gauerke for the 2020-2021 school year. Roll call vote, motion carried 4-0.

Shanon Peel made a motion, second by Tom Ellenbecker to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica Frahm, Clerk
Beverly Braun, Recording Secretary